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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Administrative Staff, ORR

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FROM: Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

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SUBJECT: Conversation with [REDACTED]

1. In my discussions with [REDACTED] on Thursday, 19 March, we reviewed their proposed orientation trip to various US guided missile producers; this trip is being sponsored by the USAF. In this process, it suddenly occurred to me that these gentlemen had not been briefed on certain security aspects of their trip.

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2. I pointed out to them that CIA, unlike the [REDACTED] does not have a direct responsibility for "commercial" intelligence and that we usually did not pass on intelligence to company officials in the US unless there was a clear need to know. Furthermore, I informed them that the Soviet guided missile program was a subject of considerable political discussion and that in this case particularly they were strongly advised not to relate any substantive intelligence to any missile manufacturers. I told them that they should be extremely cautious with representatives, especially one individual, of one of the companies they were to visit. I also cautioned them with respect to talking freely with individuals who claimed to be consultants or former employees of CIA. Their reaction to these statements was one of surprise and appreciation, and they assured me they would follow my advice.

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